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SUBJECT: MEETING OF AFRICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF ILO

REF: STATE 276287

1. ELEVEN DAY LOME (DECEMBER 1-11) MEETING OF GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYER, AND WORKER MEMBERS OF AFRICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF ILO, REPRESENTING SOME 25 AFRICAN NATIONS, CONCLUDED ITS BLAND DELIBERATIONS A DAY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE WITHOUT MENTION OF U.S. LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ORGANIZATION. CONTRARY TO DEPARTMENT'S EXPECTATIONS (REFTEL) THIS ITEM NOT RPT NOT INCLUDED ON AGENDA. ACCORDING U.S. OBSERVERS PRESENT THROUGHOUT LOME CONFERENCE, QUESTION OF OUR INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO WAS NOT EVEN TOPIC OF CORRIDOR DISCUSSION.

2. PROBABLY MOST CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE ARISING WAS QUESTION OF RELEASE FROM PRISON OF ETHIOPIAN WORKERS REPRESENTATIVE, BEYENE SOLOMON. AT ONSET OF LOME MEETING WORKERS GROUP PASSED MOTION TO SEND CABLE TO GOE REQUESTING SOLOMON'S IMMEDIATE RELEASE. MOTION, HOWEVER, SIDETRACKED ON GROUNDS CABLE MUST BE SENT IN NAME OF ENTIRE AFRICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH REJECTED BOTH SENDING OF CABLE AND PROPOSED TO SEND ILO DELEGATION TO ADDIS ABABA.

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3. SIXTH SESSION ENDED WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT GOVERNING BODY

OF ILO PLACE QUESTION OF HARMONIZATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS  
IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON AGENDA OF FIFTH AFRICAN REGIONAL CON-  
FERENCE OF ILO, ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT OF RATIFICATION  
AND APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR STANDARDS, AND URGED ILO  
TO ADJUST LEVEL OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA  
TO REFLECT PRESENT DAY NEEDS.

4. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, EMBASSY AIR POUCHING AF/I SIXTH SESSION  
DOCUMENTS AND LOCAL PRESS ARTICLES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PASS PARAS ONE TO THREE TO AF  
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